

## 100 - Office of Attorney General

### A001 Administrative Activity

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**Statewide Result Area:** Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

**Statewide Strategy:** Improve decision support for government decision makers

#### Expected Results

Provide continued high quality leadership and infrastructure support for the agency in an efficient and effective manner.

### A002 Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators

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**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the safety of people and property

**Statewide Strategy:** Support crime response and recovery

#### Expected Results

Because of the Sexually Violent Predator Unit, the most dangerous and violent sexual predators in the state are detained, evaluated, and treated. They are held until they no longer constitute a threat. Consequently, fewer people are victimized, and the public is better protected from those who are most likely to reoffend.

### A003 Criminal Investigation and Prosecution

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**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the safety of people and property

**Statewide Strategy:** Support crime response and recovery

#### Expected Results

This unit assures that where a prosecution can not proceed because of conflict or lack of experience, there is a competent, highly-skilled prosecutor to represent the people. On occasion, the local prosecutor may not be able, or may refuse to act, and if so requested, the existence of the unit guarantees that matters can be prosecuted even if the local prosecutor does not wish them to be. This unit raises the level of prosecution and this results in greater public protection.

### A004 Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws

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**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

**Statewide Strategy:** Regulate the economy to ensure fairness, security and efficiency

#### Expected Results

Protect the citizens of Washington State from antitrust activities such as price-fixing, monopolization, and illegal mergers, resulting in a competitive market, and consumers benefit from that competition in the form of lower prices or better services. Respond to consumer complaints, provide advice to state agencies and provide community education and outreach ensuring that consumers will have problems addressed, agencies will prevent problems from occurring, and businesses will become educated about their responsibilities under the antitrust laws.

## A005 Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws

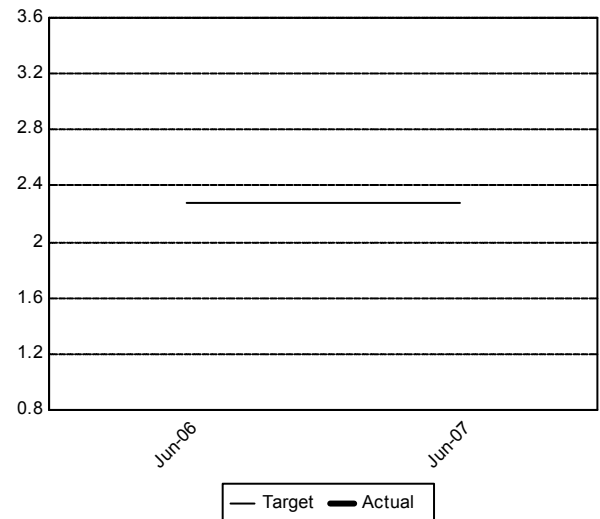
**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

**Statewide Strategy:** Provide consumer protection

### Expected Results

The Consumer Protection Division enforces state and federal laws prohibiting unfair and deceptive business practices in trade or commerce in accordance with the Unfair Business Practices Act and the Consumer Protection Act. The Consumer Protection Division typically recovers more money on behalf of consumers of the state of Washington than the cost of its operations. The current areas of enforcement focus on automobile issues and pharmaceutical companies and continue the division's efforts in the credit and financial industries. The division also takes on nonlitigation matters which benefit consumers, such as fielding customer calls, providing advice to other state agencies, and education and outreach activities. These activities help to eliminate potential problems and provide consumers with the tools to educate themselves and make better decisions.

Consumer dollars recovered per Attorney General's Office dollar spent.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	\$2.28		
	4th Qtr	\$2.28		
Consumer dollars recovered through Consumer Protection Program divided by total cost to run Consumer Protection Program.				



## A006 Executive Ethics Board

**Statewide Result Area:** Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

**Statewide Strategy:** Support democratic processes and government accountability

### Expected Results

The Board is currently handling significantly greater numbers of ethics cases in the last two years, then since its inception in 1995. Over the last biennium, the number of complaints filed by public employees and citizens has averaged over 100 per year which is double the amount prior to 2001. The Board has also seen an increase in the number of referrals from the State Auditor's Office, whistleblower cases filed with that office that also raise Ethics Law issues.

## A007 Homicide Investigation Tracking System

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the safety of people and property

**Statewide Strategy:** Support crime investigation

### Expected Results

Because of the assistance provided by the HITS system and investigators, law enforcement has much greater access to information, advice, and assistance that supports them greatly in their investigation of violent crimes. As a result, the best suspects are pursued, which leads to saved time and better public protection.

## A008 Investigation and Defense of Tort Lawsuits

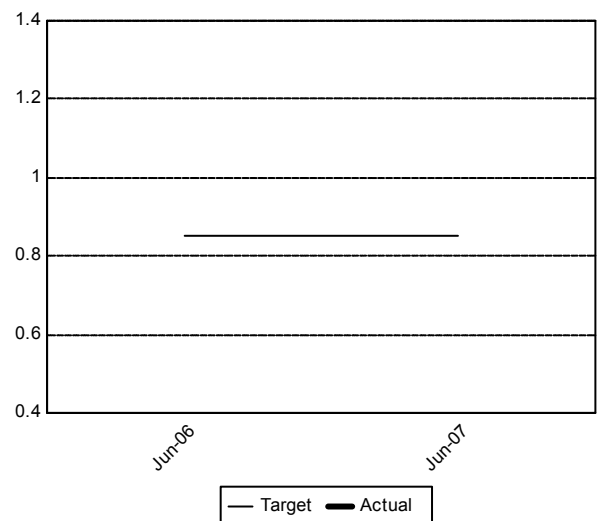
**Statewide Result Area:** Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

**Statewide Strategy:** Improve decision support for government decision makers

### Expected Results

Provide high quality and efficient legal services by measuring the age at which lawsuits resolve and by tracking clearance rates on a quarterly basis. Maintain a high rate of Tort case appeal litigation success.

Tort (claim against the State in which the State is named as a defendant) appeal litigation success rate.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	0.85%		
	4th Qtr	0.85%		
Number of tort appeal cases (claim against the State in which the State is named as a defendant) closed in State's favor divided by number of tort appeal cases closed.				



## A009 Investigation and Prosecution of Medicaid Fraud and Resident Abuse

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washingtonians

**Statewide Strategy:** Provide access to appropriate health care

### Expected Results

Through the unit's efforts in investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud, money that is illegally taken or received is returned to the Medicaid system. Also, because of prosecution, others are deterred from committing similar crimes. This unit also investigates and prosecutes crimes committed against the residents of Medicaid-funded facilities. Oftentimes these are the most vulnerable victims. The unit's investigation and prosecution of these offences help protect those who cannot protect themselves.

## A010 Legal Services to State Agencies

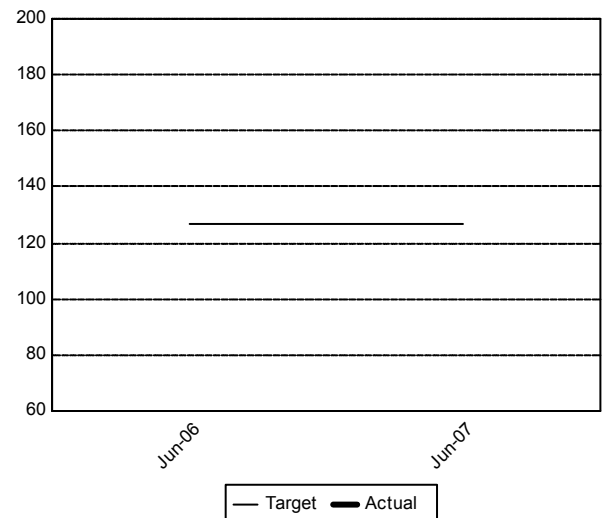
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**Statewide Strategy:** Improve decision support for government decision makers

### Expected Results

The Attorney General's Office expects to provide high quality, option-based legal advice that assists agency decision making, reduces the threat of lawsuits, and saves the state the time, and in many cases, the high costs of litigation. If litigation becomes necessary, the office expects to initiate, defend, and resolve its cases effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the state, its agencies, and its citizens.

Number of processing days per formal opinion.*				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	127		
	4th Qtr	127		
<i>SW11 - Improve the ability of state government to achieve its results. Days to process formal opinion requests divided by number of formal opinions issued.</i>				



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Number of processing days per informal opinion.*				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	80		
	4th Qtr	80		
<i>SW11 - Improve the ability of state government to achieve its results. Days to process informal opinion requests divided by number of informal opinions issued.</i>				

